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SUBJ: US-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION

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1. GOT SUGGESTS FORMAT SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM OUR PROPOSED FORMULATION (PARA 2 REFTTEL) FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING TO TAKE PLACE WEEK OF OCT 13. ACCORDING GOT PROPOSAL, JOINT COMMISSION WOULD OPEN WITH PLENARY SESSION DEVOTED TO (A) GENERAL REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND (B) ESTABLISHING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS AND ANY POSSIBLE AD-HOC GROUPS. AFTERNOON OF FIRST DAY AND MORNING OF SECOND WOULD BE DEVOTED TO SUBCOMMISSION, AD-HOC GROUPS, AND PRIVATE MEETINGS. FINAL PLENARY SESSION WOULD BE HELD AFTERNOON OF SECOND DAY. JOINT COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED AT END OF MEETINGS.

2. GOT IS KEEPING OPEN MIND RE DESIGNATION OF CHAIRMEN FOR FULL COMMISSION OR SUBCOMMISSIONS. WE ARE TOLD  
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THAT, IN GENERAL, HAMED AMMAR, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL

COOPERATION, MOFA, CHAIRS ALL JOINT COMMISSIONS WHEN CHAIR FOR OTHER SIDE IS NOT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR CLARIFICATIONS BUT UNLIKELY TO HAVE MUCH SUCCESS UNTIL AFTER AUGUST.

3. CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF PAPERS, TUNISIANS ARE PREPARING SEVERAL PAPERS ON TOPICS THEY WISH TO RAISE WITH US INCLUDING TWO A.I.D. PROJECT PROPOSALS, 5TH PLAN PROJECTS SUSCEPTIBLE TO US INVESTMENT, AND OLIVE OIL MARKETING IN THE US. DOUBLE TAXATION AND NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR US-OWNED DINARS WILL ALSO BE ON THE AGENDA FOLLOWING TECHNICAL GROUP DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER. GOT HAS ALSO EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO EXCHANGE AGENDA PROPOSALS AND ESTABLISH A FIRM, DETAILED AGENDA BEFORE MEETINGS BEGIN.

4. EMBASSY WILL SUGGEST PAPER TOPICS AND DETAILED AGENDA IN LATER CALBE. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT.'S REACTION TO GOT FORMAT.  
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